

Mayor Fuller Celebrates Mary Greene



Mayor Fuller recognized Mary Greene for turning 100! He presented her with a proclamation that reads:

WHEREAS, Mary Mercedes Greene was born on September 3, 1917 in Columbus, Ohio to August and Elizabeth Kauderer, the 3rd of nine children. The family owned a home in German Village in Columbus and a summer home in the country where they kept ducks, chickens, and an “ornery” goat; approximately 8 acres were planted in corn and a rose garden kept by her father; and

WHEREAS, as one of the eldest daughters, Mary was expected to help with the household chores; including cooking and cleaning. She excelled in baking, especially pies. In addition, she became a skilled seamstress and sewed most of her own clothing and curtains until she was 90 years old; and

WHEREAS, in 1938, Mary eloped with Jack Walden Greene to Louisville, Kentucky. They were married during the Kentucky Derby Festival. She and Jack had four children: Ron, Carol, Bobby and Michael. In addition, Mary has 10 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild; and

WHEREAS, Mary attended business school and had a career as an accountant with the Ohio Hardware Association. When she retired, they needed to hire two accountants to do her job; and

WHEREAS, Mary moved to Opelika in 2006 to be close to her son Mike and her daughter-in-law Kitty (and to move away from the “darn snow”). Mary drove her own car from Ohio to Opelika where she bought a new home. She refused to rent because at the age of 89, “it wouldn’t be a good investment”. After moving into the house, she had the yard landscaped, hardwood floors installed, and added a screened in back porch; and

WHEREAS, Mary drove around town in her cherry red Cadillac with a black vinyl top and gold valve caps until the age of 93. Mary moved to Camellia Place in Auburn in 2014 where she still resides.

WHEREAS, Mary is intelligent, strongwilled, and not shy about expressing her opinions. She is a beautiful woman with a slender frame and striking white hair. Of the Catholic faith, Mary has attended Mass for over 90 years. She loves her family unconditionally and many of them are traveling from around the U.S. to celebrate her 100th birthday.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gary Fuller, Mayor of the City of Opelika, Alabama by the authority vested in me, do hereby recognize Mary Mercedes Greene on her **100th Birthday** and proclaim September 3, 2017 in Opelika as **MARY M. GREENE DAY**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder set my hand and caused the seal of Opelika, Alabama, to be affixed this the 3rd day of September 2017.